







## New Legislation Provides Equitable Benefits to Recognize Increased Contributions

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“In South Dakota and across the nation, National Guard and Reserve units have s

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While the bills introduced in the House and the Senate have some minor differences,

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| - Consolidate the     | Active Duty and Selected Reserve MGIB programs under one law.  |
| - Create a rule       | of proportionality for Selected Reserve MGIB benefits. Any increase in the benefit must be offset by a decrease in the benefit for |
| - Make the existing   | Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) available to   |
| - Enable Guard        | and Reservists who serve on active duty for at least 90 days to  |
| - Establish a 10-year | limit on the eligibility and use of the Selected Reserve MGIB  |

Herseth, who is the Chairwoman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee for

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